

[Mr. T. Kumara Pillai.]

(b) In case the scrutiny is finished, have the Government been able to notice any acts of injustice done by the Excise Commissioner?

(c) If so, in how many cases were modifications effected in the appointments made by him?

(d) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the persons concerned in those cases and their official designation?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) to (d) The list of appointments made by the Excise Commissioner under the reorganisation is still under scrutiny.

*Appointment of Relatives by Heads of Departments.*

173. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilarankod*): (a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the rules issued by the Government to the effect that the relatives of heads of departments should not be appointed under them are still in force?

(b) Was it during the administration of Mr. Van Ross that Mr. W. J. Cleur, a relative of his, was appointed as Inspector, Customs House, Alleppey?

(c) Have the Government permitted him to keep this Inspector, who is a relative of his, under him?

(d) Are Government aware of the fact that, when the appointment of Mr. W. J. Cleur was made, there were applicants with better qualifications and that there were men in the department itself with higher qualifications and service?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) Mr. Cleur was appointed as Inspector before Mr. Van Ross became the head of the department. He was posted to the Customs House, Alleppey, by Mr. Van Ross.

(c) The Proclamation relating to the matter does not prohibit the retention of relatives of heads of departments in their own departments.

(d) No.

*Persons from Cochin Service now in Travancore Service.*

174. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Eraniel cum Vilarankod*): Will the Government be pleased to prepare and lay on the table a statement giving the following items of information:

(a) the names of persons entertained in the public service in Travancore who were previously employed in the Cochin service;

(b) the offices which they held there and the pay thereof;

(c) the appointments given to them here and the pay thereof;

(d) the names of those borrowed from the Cochin service;